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A PEEK INTO NEXT QTR:

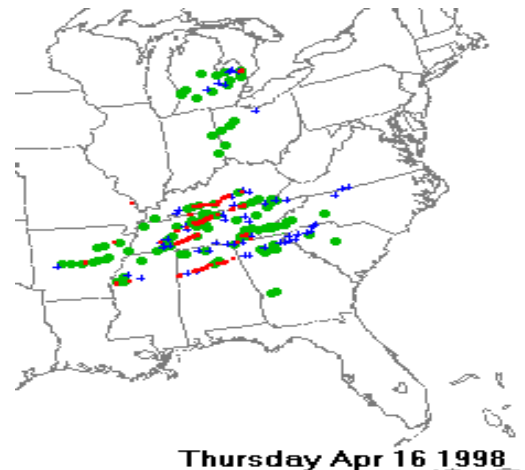
- Summer Time At Last!
- NIMS Reporting!

10 Years Ago...and now...

On April 16th, 1998, approximately 3:30 p.m., an F3 tornado touched down in Davidson County near the intersection of Charlotte Pike and 46th Avenue and traveled directly through downtown Nashville. A Vanderbilt University student was trapped under a fallen tree in Centennial Park and later died from his injuries. A second tornado touched down less than an hour later between downtown Nashville and the Nashville International Airport. It damaged several homes and toppled numerous trees in both Davidson and Wilson Counties. There were no fatalities with this second tornado which was rated an F2. After crossing the Cumberland River, it passed through East Nashville, Donelson, and Hermitage before finally lifting near Hartsville in Trousdale County. A third tornado which struck 45 minutes after the second tornado; caused damage to mainly windows, trees and power lines over a relatively short path. Nearly 300 buildings were damaged in the entire line of storms including St. Ann's Episcopal Church (which is over 100 years old), the Tennessee State

Capitol, TPAC, Nations Bank Tower and others. Numerous private airplanes were damaged at Cornelius Fort Airport. Several buildings collapsed and numerous cars were crushed by debris. Several cranes at the construction site of the now known LP Field were damaged. Over a thousand trees

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Thursday Apr 16 1998

Red=Tornadoes, Blue = Damaging Wind,
Green = Large Hail

Nashville Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI)

The Homeland Security Grant Program is comprised of four interconnected grant programs: • State Homeland Security Program (SHSP) • Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) • Citizen Corps Program (CCP) & Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI).

The UASI Program funds address the unique planning, organization, equipment, training, and exercise needs of high-threat, high-density Urban Areas, and assist them in building an enhanced and sustainable capacity to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from acts of terrorism.

ville and surrounding counties are eligible to apply for the FY2008 UASI grant.

The FY2008 UASI competitive grant totals \$781,630,000, but the Nashville area is considered a Tier 2 area, and is eligible to apply for a part of the grant worth a total of \$351,733,500. The Nashville area has to compete for a piece of this grant with 53 other Urban areas identified.

Urban Areas **must** use these funds to employ regional approaches to overall preparedness and are encouraged to adopt regional response structures whenever appropriate.

The federal government has determined that Nash-

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APRIL 2008

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MAY 2008

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JUNE 2008

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Schedule of Events (4th qtr)



} ICS-300 Classes (8-4)

} May 13-14th

} June 18-19th

} ICS-400 Classes (8-4)

} June 24-25th

} Storm Spotter Classes

} April 10th, 6-8pm @ EOC

} April 19th, 9:30-11:30am @ EOC

} April 9 - TN State Health Pandemic Exercise

} April 10th - ESC Quarterly Meeting, 1p-2p @ EOC

} April 14th - CMT Music Awards

} April 16th - 10 yr '98 tornado anniversary

} April 23rd - Wolf Creek Dam Tabletop Exercise

} April 26th - Country Music Marathon

} May 11th - Mothers Day

} May 26th - Memorial Day Observed (Metro Holiday)

} May 28th - Nashville UASI Communications Interoperability Expo (Metro SE, 10a-2p)

} June 14th - Flag Day

} June 15th - Fathers Day

Critical Infrastructure Protection Assessment Team (CIPAT)

The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County has been conducting critical infrastructure vulnerability assessments for years now. However, within the past couple of years, the State of Tennessee Office of Homeland Security and Metropolitan Nashville Government have been working closely together to create a program for a Critical Infrastructure Protection Assessment Team (CIPAT). This program would be a pilot program for the State of Tennessee to use across the state.

To put it briefly, conducting a critical infrastructure assessment is simply to assess what the infrastructure is, what is the vulnerability of the asset, what impact level would be affected if it were a victim of an event (local, state, regional, federal), what do they have, or what do they possibly need to better protect their asset or deter potential threat activity. Conducting an assessment is NOT about being a regulatory agency, it is going out and assisting our customers/citizens.

The Nashville CIPAT consists of representatives from the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management, Metro Nashville Police Dept,

Metro Nashville Fire Dept, Metro Public Works, Metro Public Health and Metro Water Dept. Each department looks at things differently, based on their experience and background with their respective discipline. Police officers look at some things differently than a firefighter, and there are things that someone from Public Health might not see that the water department sees. This is why it is critical to include all the different disciplines in assessing critical facilities.

Recently, the CIPAT has visited various facilities to conduct site visits and are currently processing the data collected and reporting their observations. One major thing to remember about this team, is that they do not go out and suggest equipment to buy, or suggest things to install or put in place. The team simply offers different possible options for the facility to consider.

The Nashville CIPAT is in the process of creating policies and procedures, and acquiring more training.

Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) *(cont')*

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The Metropolitan Statistical Area consists of 13 counties, but only a total of 7 counties opted in to move from the Homeland Security District organization to the UASI organization. (Cannon, Davidson—Lead county, Rutherford, Sumner, Trousdale, Williamson and Wilson).

Currently, there are 6 different committees comprised of all 7 counties. They are: Communications, Community Outreach, Disaster/Medical, EMS, Law Enforcement, Response, and Training/Exercise. Each committee is working diligently towards writing parts of the grant application and justifying projects for the Nashville UASI.

The FY 2008 HSGP focuses on three objectives as its highest priorities:

1. Measuring progress in achieving the National Preparedness Guidelines,
2. Strengthening improvised explosive device (IED) attack deterrence, prevention, and protection capabilities

3. Strengthening preparedness planning.

The TN Office of Homeland Security has identified six main areas that the committees need to keep in mind while creating the grant projects. Each project should:

1. Have A Regional Capability
2. Be Scalable and Modularized
3. Meet UASI Objectives
4. Have Measured Outcomes and
5. Be Sustainable

In addition to all the detailed requirements with this highly competitive grant, all areas applying for the UASI grant, must be and continue to be NIMS compliant.

The grant application must be in the hands of the Federal government by May 1, 2008.

Committee meeting dates and chairperson information is available on the website: www.nashville.gov/oem.

Questions regarding the UASI grant application process should be directed to Barbara Gmerek with OEM.



Metro's Coffee Break



HOW HEALTHY ARE YOU??

- ▶ The Wise Moves Screening is **free**, **voluntary**, and **confidential**.
- ▶ The screening lasts approximately 15 minutes and consists of a weight and blood pressure check and a finger stick. *
- ▶ It is recommended that you fast for at least 4 hours prior to your screening.

* The Wise Moves Health Screening consists of a weight and blood pressure check and a finger stick. The finger stick measures total blood cholesterol, HDL (good cholesterol), LDL (bad cholesterol), triglycerides and glucose (blood sugar levels).

Questions? Call Tara at the Metro Public Health Department: 340-0466

10 Years Ago....and now...(cont')

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were blown down at The Hermitage. Then Mayor Bredesen closed Downtown Nashville on Friday, April 17th and it wasn't reopened until Monday, April 20th. Total property damage within the Middle Tennessee area was estimated at over \$100 million. At the same time the tornadic storms developed and moved across the Nashville area, severe storms also developed across Southwestern Tennessee. One particular supercell quickly intensified near Lawrence County before an F5 tornado touched down in Wayne County at around 3:50 PM. This tornado went through four counties: Hardin, Wayne, Lawrence, Giles and Maury and killed three people. This F5 tornado was the most recent one on record and the only other official one was the Pinson, TN tornado on March 11, 1923. The next and last F5 tornado was the Moore, Oklahoma tornado on May 3, 1999. Since the tornado outbreak of April 1998, there

have been 10 tornados confirmed in Davidson County. In November 2001, 70 Outdoor Early Warning Sirens were installed strategically around Davidson County. In March of 2002, these sirens went active. These sirens are meant to be heard outdoors. The siren locations were based on outdoor activity in the areas and population. In the event of a tornado warning, it is the policy of OEM to sound all 70 outdoor tornado sirens continuously for a full three minutes and then repeated in eight minute intervals for the duration of the tornado warning. OEM highly encourages all residents and businesses to have an All Hazards Emergency Weather Radio with battery backup so the warnings are heard while inside. Since last year, OEM has coordinated numerous Storm Spotter classes with the National

Weather Service, and hundreds of our citizens have completed this training. Now there are more eyes on the sky!

In February of this year, OEM conducted a Metro Safety Coordinators training for all Metro coordinators. Each safety coordinator was then given homework to go back and re-evaluate or create proper emergency plans for severe weather and other hazards. Starting this week, OEM will be conducting no-notice drills throughout Metro government. This is to assist and ensure that all metro agencies understand what to do in the event of a tornado emergency and other hazardous situations. Check OEM's website for up to date vents and trainings being offered.

Sources: NOAA NWS & Wikipedia



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Really?

The Praying Mantis is the only insect that can turn its head.

There have been 37 different animal shapes used in Nabisco's Barnum's Animal Crackers.

Skepticisms is the longest word that alternates hands when typing.

Lake Chargoggagoggmanchauggagoggchaubunagungamaugg is the worlds longest named lake.
(Located in Massachusetts)

The word 'set' has the most definitions in the English language.

The phobia: Hippopotomonstrosesquippedaliophobia is the fear of long words.

In a standard deck of playing cards, the King of Hearts is the only King without a mustache.